

unexpected political clout, called them together and told them not to provoke a crisis.

Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia has been trying all week to install a new Cabinet. Lawmakers objected to his first list because it was stacked with political cronies of the late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

A second lineup dominated by professional appointments didn't mollify legislators. Several said they wanted to push Qureia out and would not support any Cabinet he proposed. Qureia will have to step down if he fails to get his Cabinet approved in coming days.

Abbas summoned legislators from his

of security success.

Fatah is the largest party in the Palestinian parliament, which was to convene today to vote on the Cabinet.

Abbas' forceful display Wednesday came after he had done little in recent days to defuse the political crisis, and Abbas is still widely perceived as being an unassertive politician.

The turmoil underscored the increasingly free-wheeling nature of Palestinian politics since Arafat's death last year, with politicians more willing to break party discipline.

Qureia was to appear Wednesday evening before the Fatah bloc, which has demanded



lack on a key Jerusalem site.

Some lawmakers want to oust Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia.

Israel's security officials have warned for months that Jewish extremists might try to attack the shrine known to Jews as the Temple Mount and to Muslims as Haram al-Sharif — to inflame Israeli-Arab tensions and sabotage Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to evacuate the Gaza Strip as part of the West Bank this summer.

Police Chief Moshe Karadi asked for an additional \$14-million to hire 187 more officers to help protect the site from attack, it

ROME BUILDING RENAMED FOR MELVIN SEMBLER



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The Melvin Sembler Building was dedicated in Rome on Tuesday, the first time the U.S. government has named an overseas building after a serving ambassador. Joining Sembler, center, at Tuesday's festivities was Rep. C.W. Bill Young. The Indian Shores congressman was chairman of the House Appropriations Committee in September 2003, when Congress provided the money to buy the building, to enhance security at the embassy. Young was responsible for the act of Congress that renamed the building for Sembler, a St. Petersburg real estate developer now serving as U.S. ambassador to Italy.